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**United States Attorney RONALD J. TENPAS** announced today that his office had reached a settlement with **Memorial Hospital of Carbondale** (“**Memorial**”), a hospital located at 405 West Jackson Street, Carbondale, Illinois. Memorial is an operating unit of Southern Illinois Hospital Services, an Illinois not-for-profit corporation.

The United States had alleged that Memorial improperly caused the billing of Medicare for dialysis services performed on an outpatient basis. While the services were in fact properly performed, Memorial was not a Medicare approved provider of these services, and, as such, was not entitled to bill Medicare or be reimbursed for these services. The total amount improperly billed was \$33,996.82, and Memorial has returned the full amount to the United States.

The case was investigated by the Department of Health and Human Services Office of Inspector General and handled by Assistant United States Attorney Gerald M. Burke and Paralegal Specialist Paul Fairbanks.